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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): Use of perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes that have a critical micelle formation concentration  $< 10^{-3}$  mol/l, a hydrodynamic micelle diameter ( $2 R_h$ )  $> 1$  nm and a proton relaxivity in plasma ( $R^1$ )  $> 10$  l/mmol's as contrast media in MR imaging for visualization of intravascular thrombi.

Claim 2 (original): Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the metal complexes are used as MRI contrast media for visualization of venous thrombi.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Use according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the metal complexes are used as MRI contrast media for visualization of arterial thrombi.

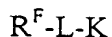
Claim 4 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the metal complexes are used as MRI contrast media for early determination of a thrombotic occlusive vascular disease.

Claim 5 (original): Use according to claim 1, wherein metal complexes whose micelle formation concentration is  $< 10^{-4}$  mol/l are used.

Claim 6 (original): Use according to claim 1, wherein metal complexes whose hydrodynamic micelle diameter is  $\geq 3$  nm, preferably  $> 4$  nm, are used.

Claim 7 (original): Use according to claim 1, wherein metal complexes that have a proton relaxivity in plasma of  $> 13$  l/mmol's, preferably  $> 15$  l/mmol's, are used.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds of general formula I



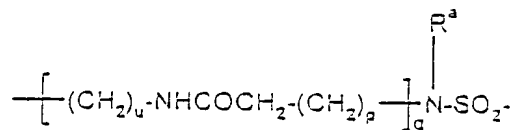
I

in which

$R^F$  is a perfluorinated, straight-chain or branched carbon chain with formula  $-C_nF_{2n}E$ ,  
in which

E represents a terminal fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine or hydrogen atom  
and n stands for numbers 4-30,

L means a direct bond, a methylene group, an -NHCO group, a group



whereby p means the numbers 0 to 10, and q and n, independently of one another,  
mean numbers 0 or 1, and

R<sup>a</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, a benzyl group, a phenyl group, a -  
CH<sub>2</sub>-OH group, a CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> group, a -CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H group or a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> chain,  
which optionally is interrupted by 1 to 3 oxygen atoms, 1 to 2 >CO groups  
or an optionally substituted aryl group and/or is substituted with 1 to 4  
hydroxyl groups, 1 to 2 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy groups, 1 to 2 carboxy groups, a  
group -SO<sub>3</sub>H-,

or is a straight-chain, branched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> carbon chain,  
which optionally contains 1 to 10 oxygen atoms, 1 to 3 -NR<sup>a</sup> groups, 1 to 2 sulfur  
atoms, a piperazine, a -CONR<sup>a</sup> group, one to six -NR<sup>a</sup>CO groups, an -SO<sub>2</sub> group,  
an -NR<sup>a</sup>-CO<sub>2</sub> group, 1 to 2 CO groups, a group

-CO-N-T-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-SO<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>F</sup>, or 1 to 2 optionally substituted aryls and/or is interrupted

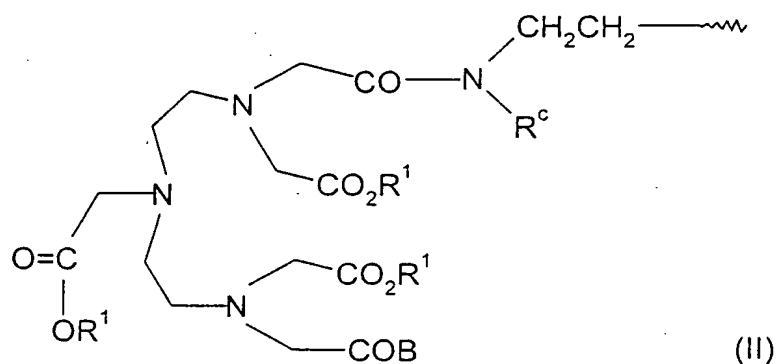
by these groups and/or is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 -OR<sup>a</sup> groups, 1 to 2  
oxo groups, 1 to 2 -NH-COR<sup>a</sup> groups, 1 to 2 -CONHR<sup>a</sup> groups, 1 to 2 -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-  
CO<sub>2</sub>H groups, 1 to 2 groups -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-(O)<sub>q</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>F</sup>,

whereby

$R^a$ ,  $R^F$  and p and q have the above-indicated meanings, and

T means a  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  chain, which optionally is interrupted by 1 to 2 oxygen atoms or 1 to 2 -NHCO groups,

K stands for a complexing agent or metal complex or their salts of organic and/or inorganic bases or amino acids or amino acid amides, specifically for a complexing agent or complex of general formula II

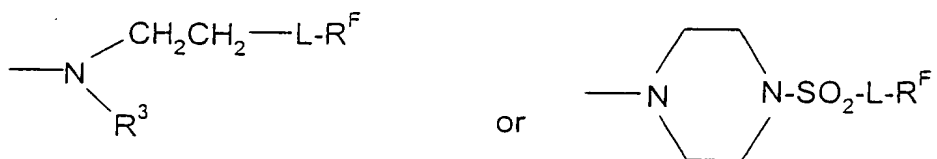


in which  $R^c$ ,  $R^1$  and B are independent of one another, and

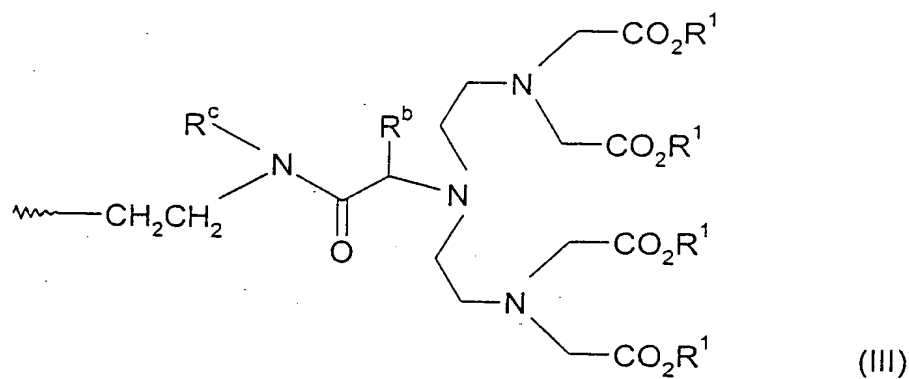
$R^c$  has the meaning of  $R^a$  or means  $-(CH_2)_m-L-R^F$ , whereby m is 0, 1 or 2, and L and  $R^F$  have the above-mentioned meaning,

$R^1$ , independently of one another, mean a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of atomic numbers 22-29, 42-46 or 58-70,

B means  $-OR^1$  or



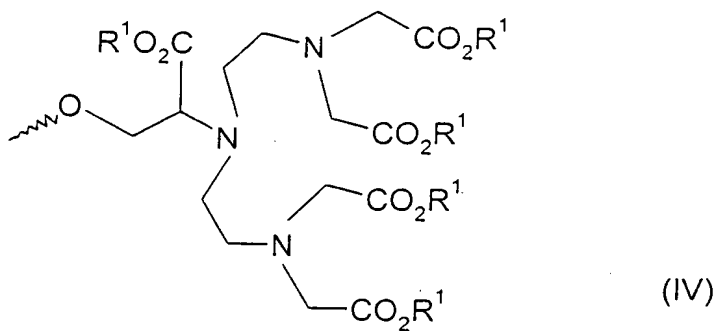
whereby  $R^1$ , L,  $R^F$  and  $R^c$  have the above-mentioned meanings, or  
 K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula III



in which  $R^c$  and  $R^1$  have the above-mentioned meanings,  
 $R^b$  has the meaning of  $R^a$ , and

or

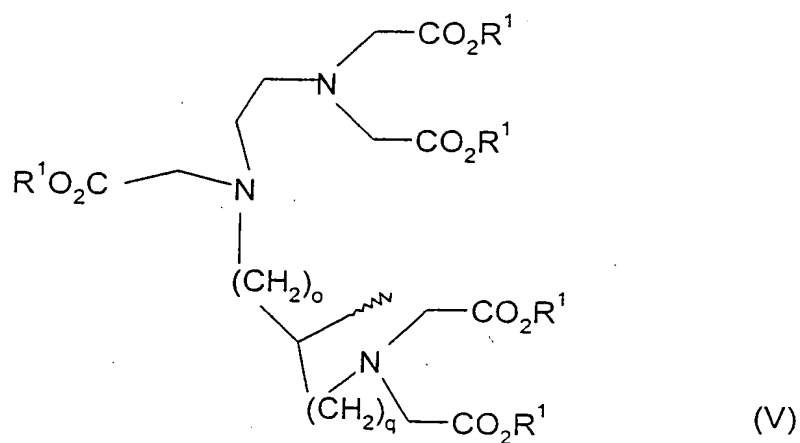
K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula IV



in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning

or

K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula V



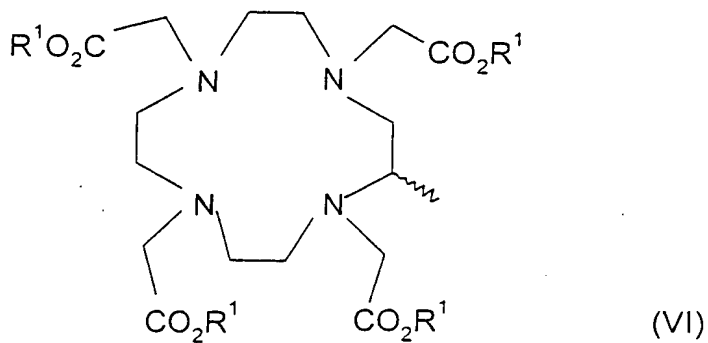
in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning, and o and q stand for numbers 0

or

1, and yields the sum  $o + q = 1$ ,

or

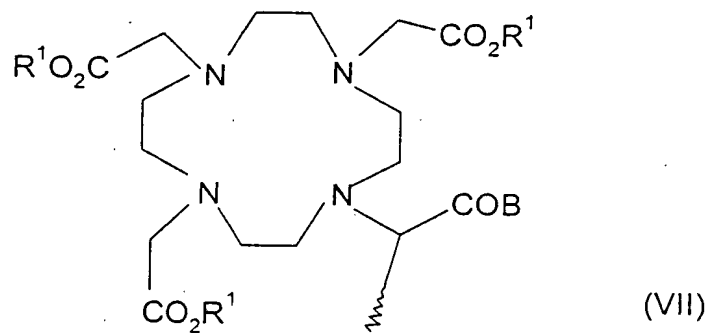
K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula VI



in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning

or

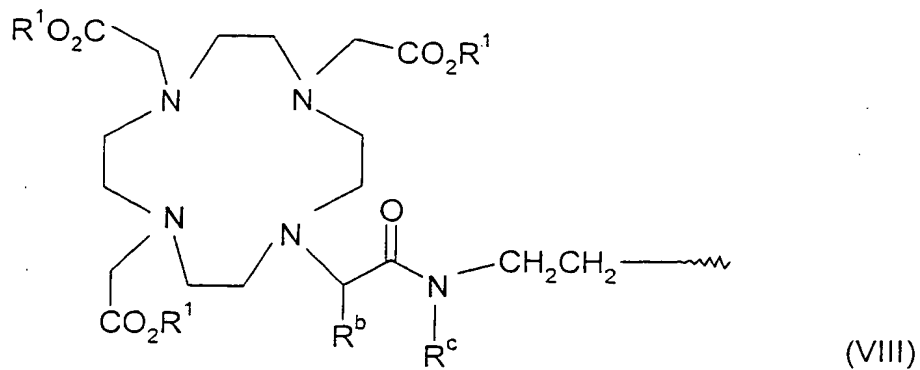
K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula VII



in which  $R^1$  and B have the above-mentioned meanings

or

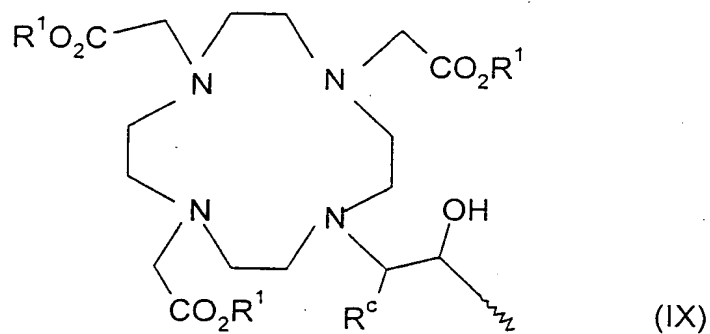
K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula VIII



in which  $R^c$ , and  $R^1$  have the above-mentioned meanings, and  $R^b$  has the above-mentioned meaning of  $R^a$

or

K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula IX

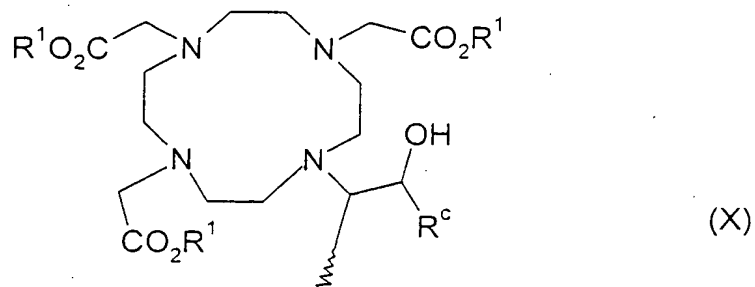


in which  $R^c$  and  $R^1$  have the above-mentioned meanings,

or

K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula X

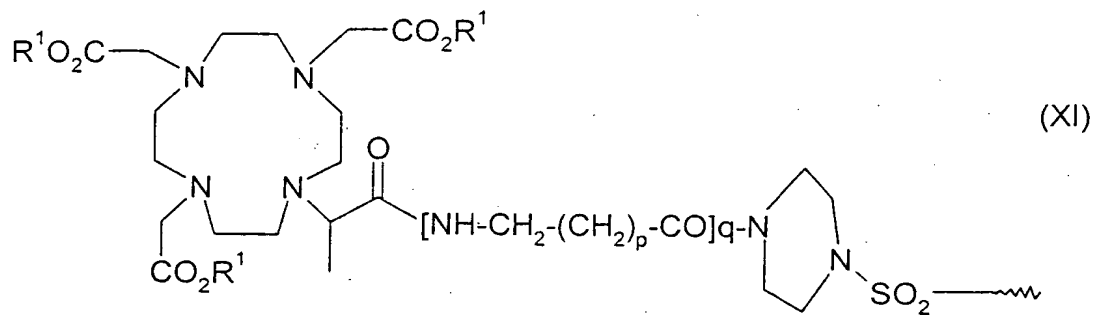




in which  $R^c$  and  $R^1$  have the above-mentioned meanings,

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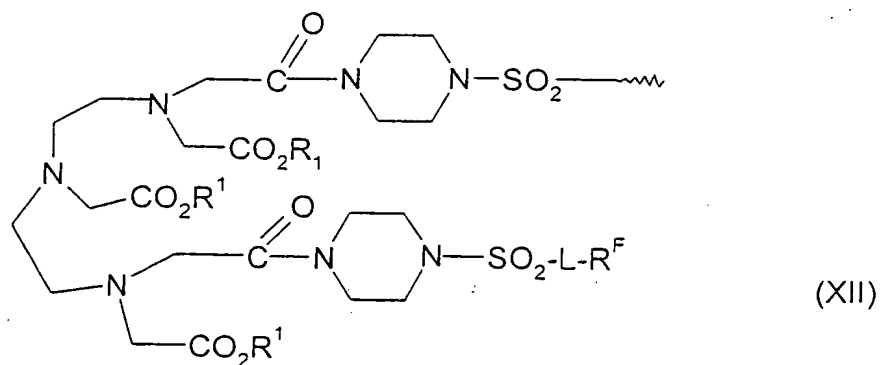
K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula XI



in which  $R^1$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  have the above-mentioned meanings, and  $R^b$  has the meaning of  $R^a$ ,

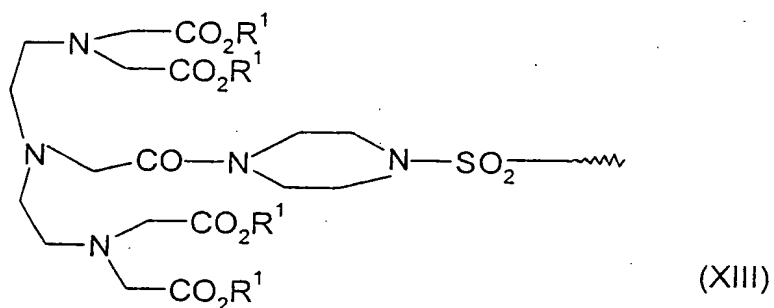
or

K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula XII



in which L, R<sup>F</sup> and Z<sup>1</sup> have the above-mentioned meanings,  
or

K stands for a complexing agent or complex of general formula XIII



in which R<sup>1</sup> has the above-mentioned meaning,

are used.

Claim 9 (original): Use according to claim 8, wherein the compounds of general formula I, in which L stands for

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>s</sub>- $\beta$  s = 3 - 15

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-(O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>t</sub>- $\beta$  t = 2 - 6

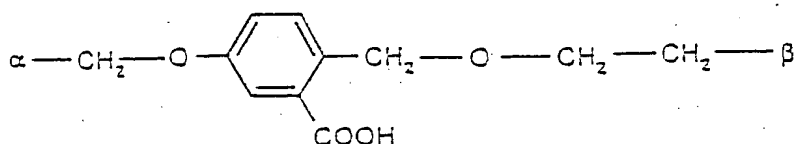
$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(CH<sub>2</sub>COOH)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(-CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NHCO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-S-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOCH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>NHCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(CH<sub>2</sub>-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-NHCOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CON-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOCH<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>

$\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{N(C}_2\text{H}_5\text{)-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$

$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(OC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -(CH<sub>2</sub>NHCO)<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -(CH<sub>2</sub>NHCO)<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-OCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$



$\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOCH<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NHCO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NHCO-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

$\alpha$ -NH-CO- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(CH<sub>2</sub>COOH)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(-CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
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 $\alpha$ -NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH)-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
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 $\alpha$ -N-[CH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>]-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$   
 $\alpha$ -N-[CH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)CH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)]-SO<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$

and in which  $\alpha$  represents the binding site to the complexing agent or metal complex K, and  $\beta$  represents the binding site to the fluorine radical, are used.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Use according to claim 8 or 9, wherein the compounds of formula I in which n in formula -C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n</sub>E stands for numbers 4-15 and/or E in this formula means a fluorine atom are used.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 8 to 10~~ claim 8, wherein the following compounds are used:

- Gadolinium complex of 10-[1-methyl-2-oxo-3-aza-5-oxo-{4-perfluorooctylsulfonyl-piperazin-1-yl}-pentyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
- Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5-oxo-7-oxa-

- 10,10,11,11,12,12,13,13,14,14,15,15,16,16,17,17-heptafluoroheptadecyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
- Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5,9-dioxo-9-{4-perfluorooctyl}-piperazin-1-yl]-nonyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
  - Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5-oxo-7-aza-7-(perfluorooctylsulfonyl)-nonyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
  - Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-oxa-1H,1H,2H,3H,3H,5H,5H,6H,6H-perfluorotetradecyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
  - Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5-oxo-7-oxa-10,10,11,11,12,12,13,13,14,14,15,15,16,16,17,17,18,18,19,19-henicosafuorononadecyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
  - Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5-oxo-11-aza-11-(perfluorooctylsulfonyl)-tridecyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane,
  - Gadolinium complex of 10-[2-hydroxy-4-aza-5-oxo-7-aza-7-(perfluorooctylsulfonyl)-8-phenyl-octyl]-1,4,7-tris(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds of general formula Ia



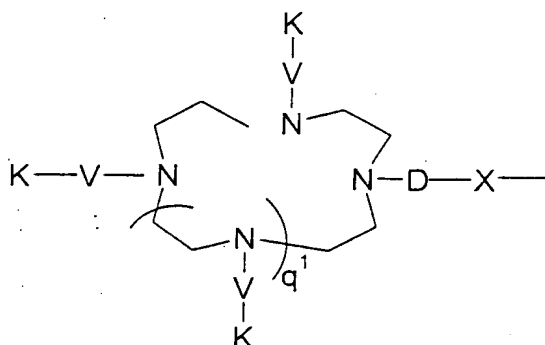
in which

- A is a molecule part that contains 2 to 6 metal complexes, which are bonded directly or via a linker to a nitrogen atom of an annular skeleton chain, and
- $R^F$  is a perfluorinated, straight-chain or branched carbon chain with formula

$-C_nF_{2n}E$ , in which

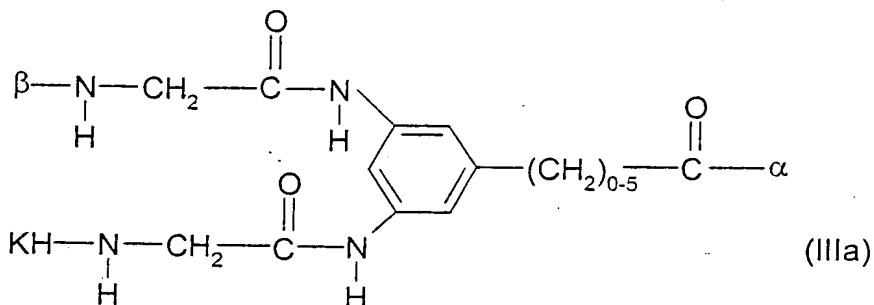
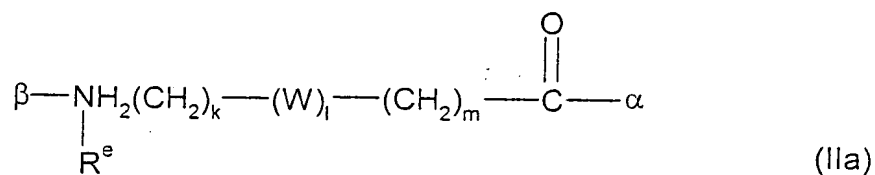
E represents a terminal fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine or hydrogen atom,  
and n stands for numbers 4-30,

whereby molecule part A has the following structure:



whereby

- $q^1$  is a number 0, 1, 2 or 3,
- K stands for a complexing agent or metal complex or their salts of organic and/or inorganic bases or amino acids or amino acid amides,
- X is a direct bond to the perfluoroalkyl group, a phenylene group or a  $C_1-C_{10}$ -alkylene chain, which optionally contains 1-15 oxygen atoms, 1-5 sulfur atoms, 1-10 carbonyl groups, 10-10  $(NR^d)$  groups, 1-2  $NR^dSO_2$  groups, 1-10  $CONR^d$  groups, 1 piperidine group, 1-3  $SO_2$  groups and 1-2 phenylene groups or optionally is substituted by 1-3 radicals  $R^F$ , in which  $R^d$  stands for a hydrogen atom, a phenyl group, benzyl group or a  $C_1-C_{15}$  alkyl group, which optionally contains 1-2  $NHCO$  groups, 1-2  $CO$  groups, or 1-5 oxygen atoms and optionally is substituted by 1-5 hydroxy, 1-5 methoxy, 1-3 carboxy, or 1-3  $R^F$  radicals,
- V is a direct bond or a chain of general formula IIa or IIIa:



in which

- $R^e$  is a hydrogen atom, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a  $C_1$ - $C_7$ -alkyl group, which optionally is substituted with a carboxy group, a methoxy group or a hydroxy group,
- $W$  is a direct bond, a polyglycol ether group with up to 5 glycol units, or a molecule part of general formula IVa



in which  $R^h$  is a  $C_1$ - $C_7$  carboxylic acid, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a  $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-NH-K$  group,

- $\alpha$  represents the binding to the nitrogen atom of the skeleton chain,  $\beta$  represents the binding to complexing agents or metal complex  $K$ ,
- and in which variables  $k$  and  $m$  stand for natural numbers between 0 and 10,

and 1 stands for 0 or 1

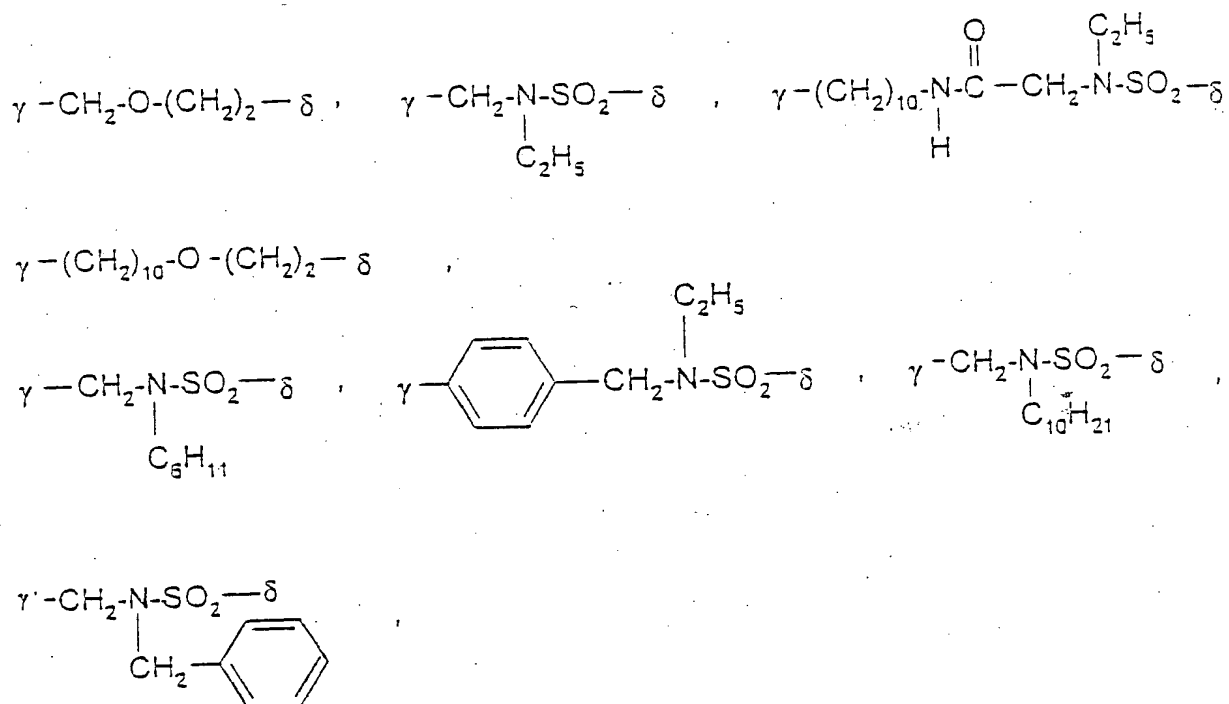
and whereby

- D is a CO or SO<sub>2</sub> group,

are used.

Claim 13 (original): Use according to claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia in which q is the number 1 are used.

Claim 14 (original): Use according to claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia are used, in which molecule part X is an alkylene chain, which contains 1-10 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O groups or 1-5 COCH<sub>2</sub>NH groups, a direct bond or one of the following structures

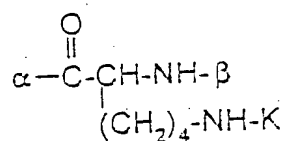
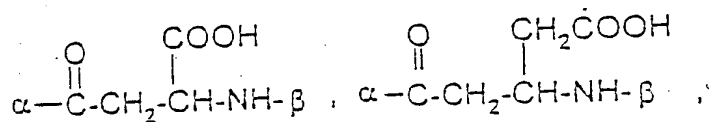
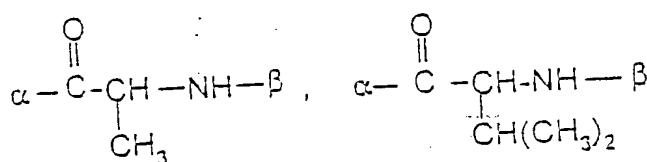
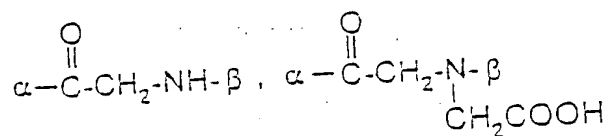


whereby



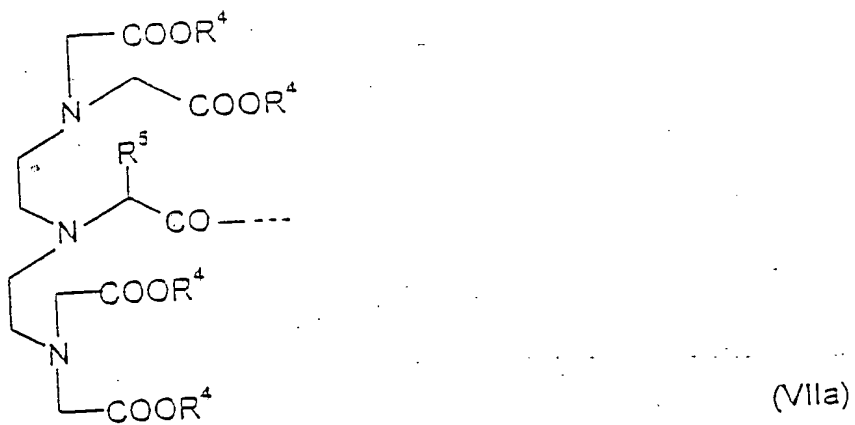
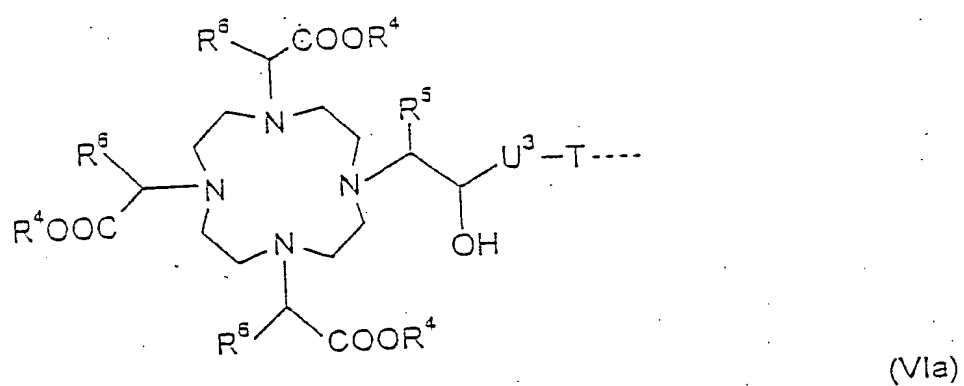
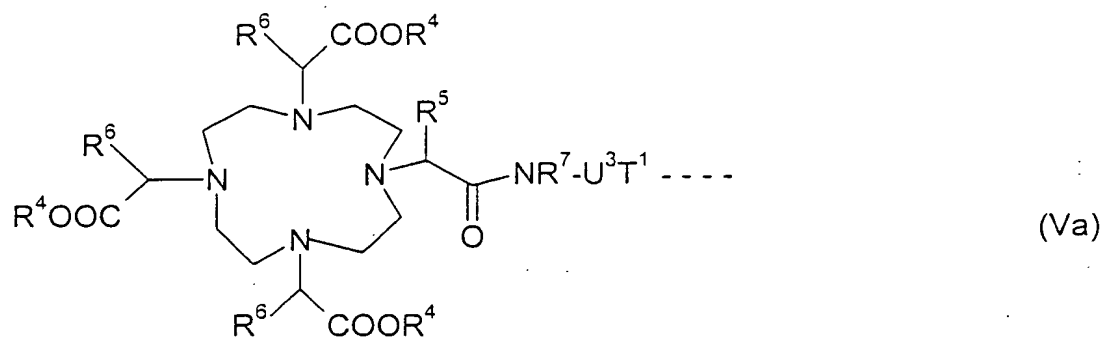
$\gamma$  binds to D, and  $\delta$  binds to  $R^F$ .

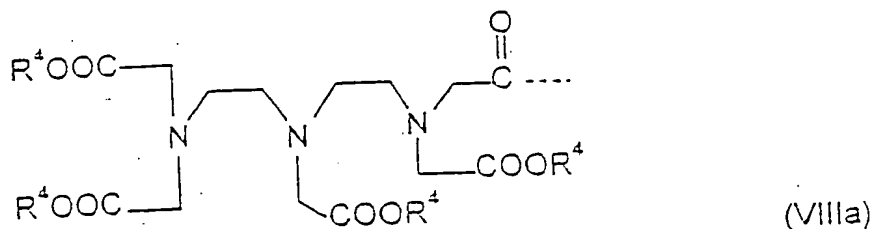
Claim 15 (original): Use according to claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia, in which V is a molecule part with one of the following structures



are used.

Claim 16 (original): Use according to claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia, in which K represents a complex of general formula Va, VIa, VIIa or VIIIa,





are used,

whereby

- $R^4$ , independently of one another, are a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of the elements of atomic numbers 23-29, 42-46 or 58-70,
- $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom or a straight-chain, branched, saturated or unsaturated  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  alkyl chain, which optionally is substituted by 1-5 hydroxy, 1-3 carboxy or 1 phenyl group(s) and/or optionally is interrupted by 1-10 oxygen atoms, 1 phenylene group or 1 phenylenoxy group,
- $R^6$  is a hydrogen atom, a straight-chain or branched  $C_1$ - $C_7$  alkyl radical, a phenyl radical or benzyl radical,
- $R^7$  is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or ethyl group, which optionally is substituted by a hydroxy group or carboxy group,
- $U^3$  is a straight-chain, branched, saturated or unsaturated  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkylene group optionally containing 1-5 imino groups, 1-3 phenylene groups, 1-3 phenylenoxy groups, 1-3 phenylenimino groups, 1-5 amide groups, 1-2 hydrazide groups, 1-5 carbonyl groups, 1-5 ethylenoxy groups, 1 urea group, 1 thiourea group, 1-2 carboxyalkylimino groups, 1-2 ester groups, 1-10 oxygen atoms, 1-5 sulfur atoms

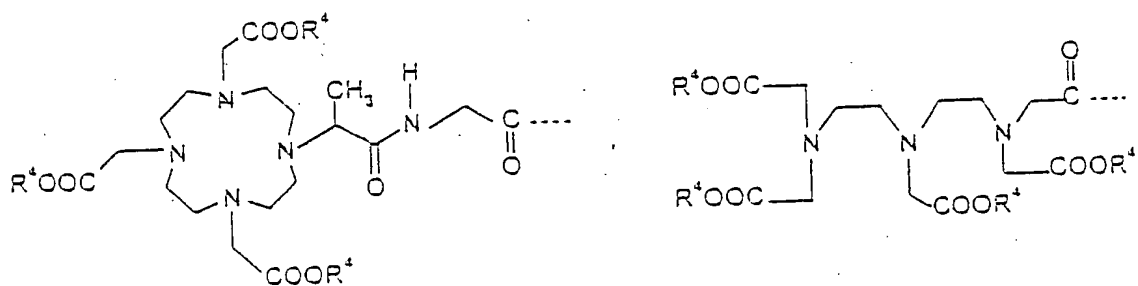
and/or 1-5 nitrogen atoms, and/or optionally substituted by 1-5 hydroxy groups, 1-2 mercapto groups, 1-5 oxo groups, 1-5 thioxo groups, 1-3 carboxy groups, 1-5 carboxyalkyl groups, 1-5 ester groups and/or 1-3 amino groups, whereby the optionally contained phenylene groups can be substituted by 1-2 carboxy groups, 1-2 sulfone groups or 1-2 hydroxy groups

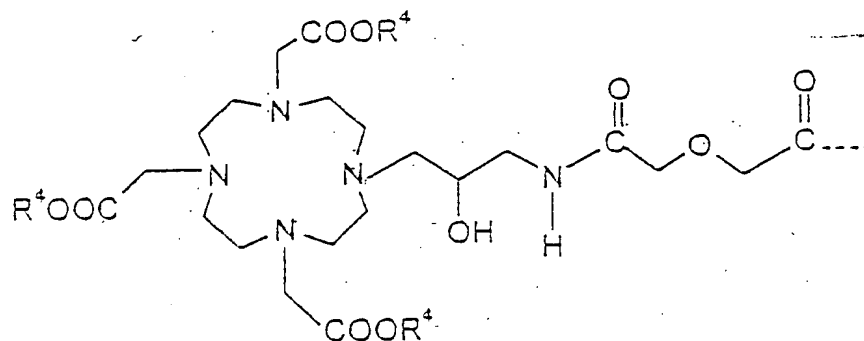
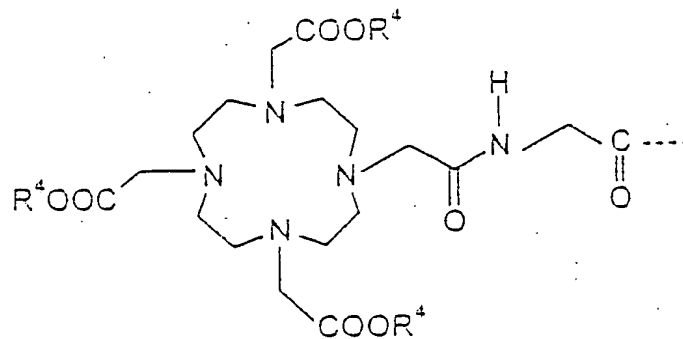
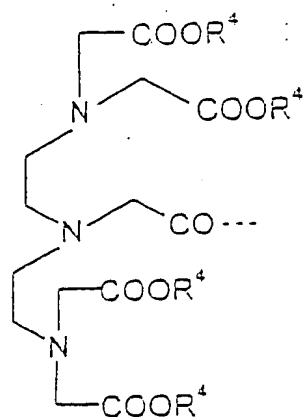
- $T^1$  stands for a  $-\text{CO}-\beta$ ,  $-\text{NHCO}-\beta$  or  $-\text{NHCS}-\beta$  group, whereby  $\beta$  represents the binding site to V.

Claim 17 (original): Use according to claim 16, wherein the  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{20}$ -alkylene chain that stands or  $\text{U}^3$  contains the groups  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NHCO}-$ ,  $-\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H})-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{NHCSNHC}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$  and/or is substituted by the groups  $-\text{COOH}$  and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ .

Claim 18 (original): Use according to claim 16, wherein  $\text{U}^3$  stands for a  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H})-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{OCH}_2-$ , or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$  group.

Claim 19 (original): Use according to claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia in which K has one of the following structures:



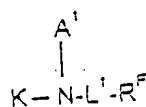


are used.

Claim 20 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 12 to 19~~ claim 12, wherein the compounds of general formula Ia in which the perfluoroalkyl chain  $R^F$  is  $-C_6F_{13}$ ,  $-C_8F_{17}$ ,  $-C_{10}F_{21}$  or  $-C_{12}F_{25}$  are used.

Claim 21 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 12 to 20~~ claim 12, wherein the gadolinium complex of 1,4,7-tris{1,4,7-tris(N-(carboxylatomethyl)-10-[N- $\Gamma$ -methyl-3,6-diaza-2,5,8-trioxooctane-1,8-diyl)]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane, Gd complex}-10-[N-2H,2H,4H,4H,5H,5H-3-oxa-perfluorotridecanoyl]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane is used.

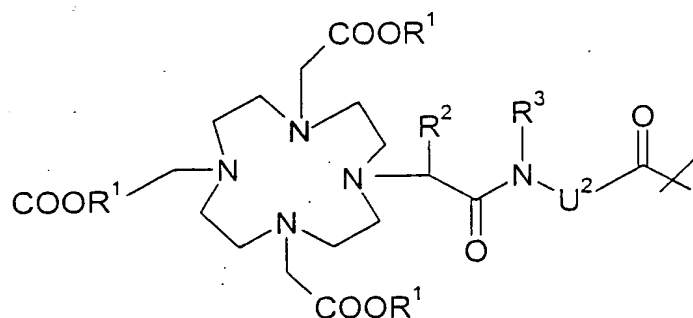
Claim 22 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds of general formula Ib



(Ib)

in which

K means a complexing agent or a metal complex of general formula IIb



(IIb)

whereby

R<sup>1</sup> stands for a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of atomic numbers 23-29, 42-46 or 58-70,

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> stand for a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-alkyl group, a benzyl group, a phenyl group, -CH<sub>2</sub>OH or -CH<sub>2</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>,

U<sup>2</sup> stands for radical L<sup>1</sup>, whereby L<sup>1</sup> and U<sup>2</sup>, independently of one another, can be the same or different, however,

A<sup>1</sup> means a hydrogen atom, a straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> alkyl group, which optionally is interrupted by 1-15 oxygen atoms, and/or optionally is substituted with 1-10 hydroxy groups, 1-2 COOH groups, a phenyl group, a benzyl group and/or 1-5 -OR<sup>9</sup> groups, with R<sup>9</sup> in the meaning of a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl radical, or -L<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>F</sup>,

L<sup>1</sup> means a straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>-alkylene group, which optionally is interrupted by 1-10 oxygen atoms, 1-5 -NH-CO groups, 1-5 -CO-NH groups, by a phenylene group optionally substituted by a COOH- group, 1-3 sulfur atoms, 1-2

-N(B<sup>1</sup>)-SO<sub>2</sub> groups and/or 1-2 -SO<sub>2</sub>-N(B<sup>1</sup>)-groups with B<sup>1</sup> in the meaning of A<sup>1</sup>,  
and/or optionally is substituted with radical R<sup>F</sup>, and

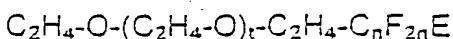
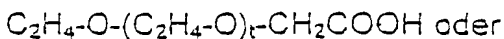
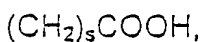
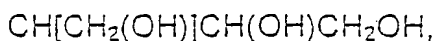
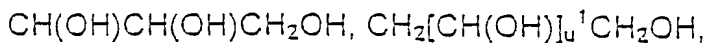
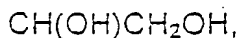
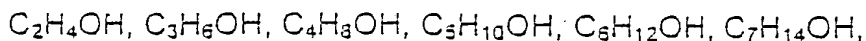
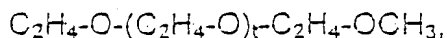
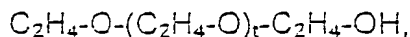
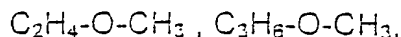
R<sup>F</sup> means a straight-chain or branched perfluorinated alkyl radical of formula C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n</sub>E,  
whereby n stands for numbers 4-30, and

E stands for a terminal fluorine atom, chlorine atom, bromine atom,  
iodine atom or a hydrogen atom,

and optionally present acid groups optionally can be present as salts of organic and/or inorganic  
bases or amino acids or amino acid amides,  
are used.

Claim 23 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general  
formula Ib, in which R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>9</sup>, independently of one another, mean hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
alkyl group, are used.

Claim 24 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general  
formula Ib, in which A<sup>1</sup> means hydrogen, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl radical,  
the radicals



or

whereby

s stands for integers 1 to 15,

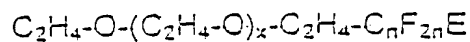
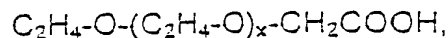
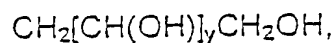
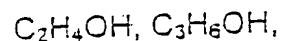
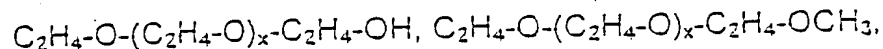
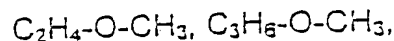
t stands for integers 0 to 13,

u<sup>1</sup> stands for integers 1 to 10,

n stands for integers 4 to 20, and

E stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms, and if necessary, their branched isomers, are used.

Claim 25 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general formula Ib, in which A<sup>1</sup> means hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl,



whereby

x stands for integers 0 to 5,

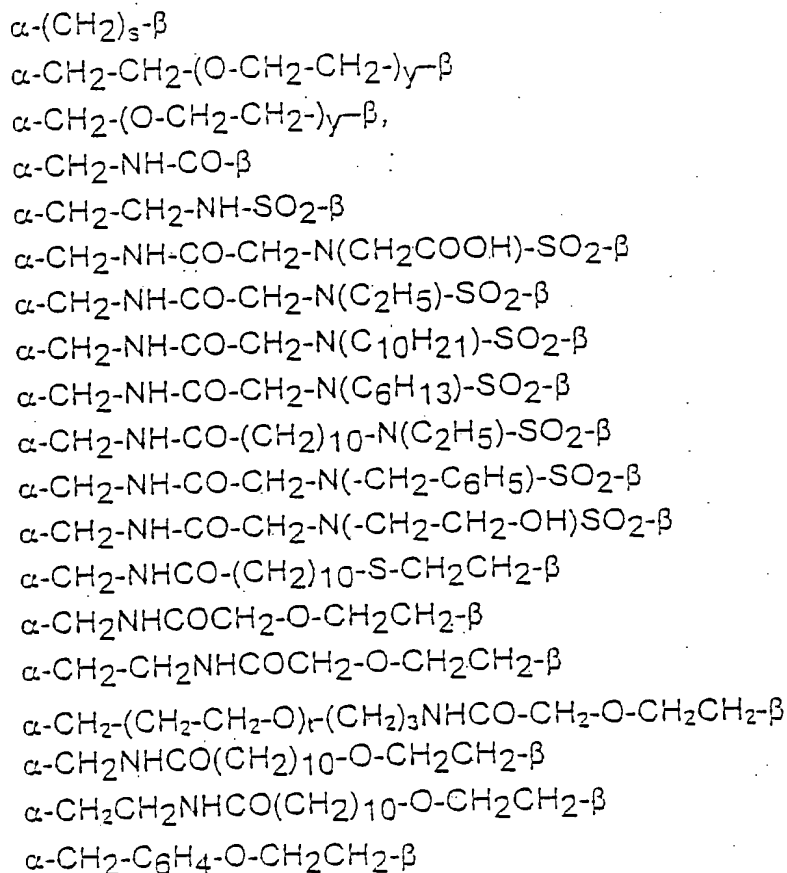
y stands for integers 1 to 6,

w stands for integers 1 to 10,

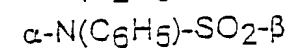
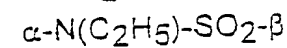
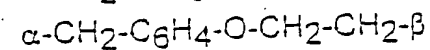
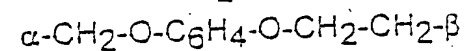
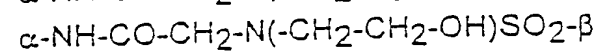
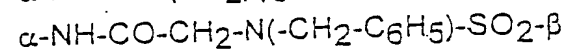
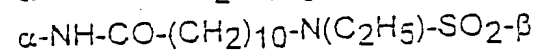
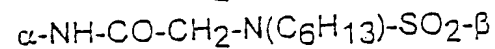
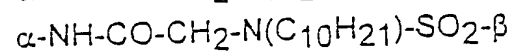
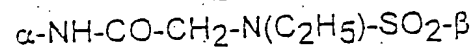
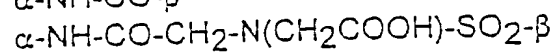
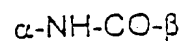
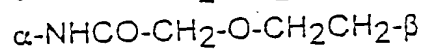
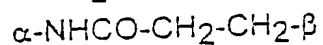
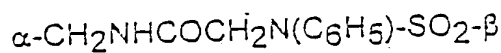
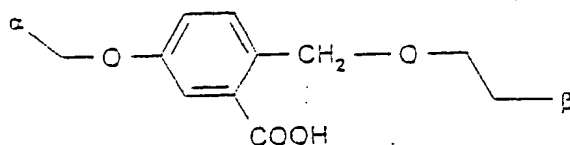
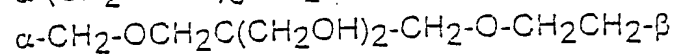
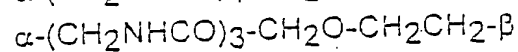
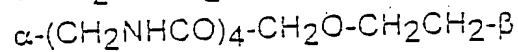
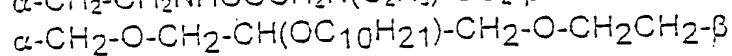
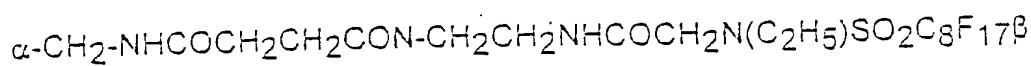
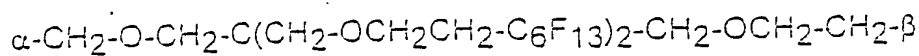


n stands for integers 4 to 15, and  
 E stands for a fluorine atom, and, if necessary, their branched isomers  
 are used.

Claim 26 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general  
 formula Ib, in which L<sup>1</sup> means



whereby phenylene group 1,4 or 1,3 is linked



$\alpha\text{-N}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{21})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OH})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N}(\text{CH}_2\text{COOH})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N-}[\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2]\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$   
 $\alpha\text{-N-}[\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})]\text{-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$

whereby

s stands for integers 1 to 15 and

y stands for integers 1 to 6,

are used.

Claim 27 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general formula Ib, in which L<sup>1</sup> means

$\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-(O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{)}_y\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-(O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{)}_y\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-NH-SO}_2\text{-}\beta$ , Bsp. 10  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-(CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O)}_y\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_3\text{NHCO-CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{NHCO(CH}_2\text{)}_{10}\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHCO(CH}_2\text{)}_{10}\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH(OC}_{10}\text{H}_{21})\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}\beta$ ,  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-}\beta$  oder  
 $\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-}\beta$

or

whereby

y stands for integers 1 to 6,

are used.

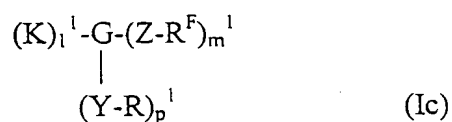
Claim 28 (original): Use according to claim 22, wherein the compounds of general

formula Ib, in which R<sup>F</sup> means a straight-chain or branched perfluorinated alkyl radical of formula C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n</sub>E, whereby n stands for numbers 4 to 15 and E stands for a terminal fluorine atom, are used.

Claim 29 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 22 to 28~~ claim 22, wherein the following compounds are used:

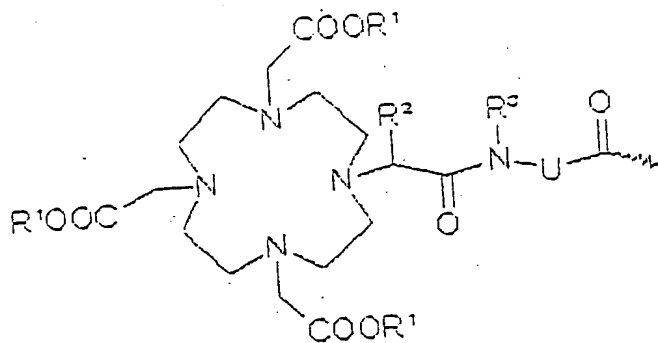
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- 1,4,7-Tris(carboxylatomethyl)-10-[(3-aza-4-oxo-hexan-5-yl)-acid-N-(3,6,9,12,15-pentaoxa)-hexadecyl)-(1H,1H,2H,2H,4H,4H,5H,5H-3-oxa)-perfluorotridecyl]-amide]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane, gadolinium complex
- 1,4,7-Tris(carboxylatomethyl)-10-[(3-aza-4-oxo-hexan-5-yl)-acid-N-5-hydroxy-3-oxa-pentyl)-N-(1H,1H,2H,2H,4H,4H,5H,5H-3-oxa)-perfluorotridecyl]-amide]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane, gadolinium complex
- 1,4,7-Tris(carboxylatomethyl)-10-[(3-aza-4-oxo-hexan-5-yl)-acid-[N-3,6,9,15-tetraoxa-12-aza-15-oxo-C<sub>17</sub>-C<sub>26</sub>-hepta-decafluoro)hexacosyl]-amide]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane, gadolinium complex
- 1,4,7-Tris(carboxylatomethyl)-10-[(3-aza-4-oxo-hexan-5-yl)-acid-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-(1H,1H,2H,2H,4H,4H,5H,5H-3-oxa)-perfluorotridecyl]-amide]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane, gadolinium complex.

Claim 30 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds with sugar radicals of general formula Ic



in which

- R represents a mono-or oligosaccharide radical bonded by the 1-OH- or 1-SH-position,
- R<sup>F</sup> is a perfluorinated, straight-chain or branched carbon chain with the formula -C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n</sub>E, in which E represents a terminal fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine or hydrogen atom, and n stands for numbers 4-30,
- K stands for a metal complex of general formula IIc,



(IIc)

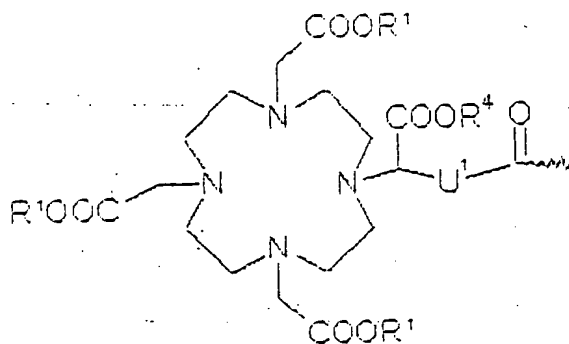
in which

- R<sup>1</sup> means a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of atomic numbers 23-29, 42-46 or 58-70,  
provided that at least two R<sup>1</sup> stand for metal ion equivalents,
- R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup>, independently of one another, represent hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-alkyl, benzyl, phenyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>OH or -CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>, and
- U represents -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-ω, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-5</sub>-ω, a phenylene group, -CH<sub>2</sub>-NHCO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(CH<sub>2</sub>COOH)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-ω, -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-1</sub>-N(CH<sub>2</sub>COOH)-CH<sub>2</sub>-ω, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkylene group or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O group optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, 1 to 3 -NHCO groups or 1 to 3 -CONH groups and/or substituted

with 1 to 3  $-(CH_2)_{0-5} COOH$  groups, whereby  $\omega$  stands for the binding site to  $-CO-$ ,

or

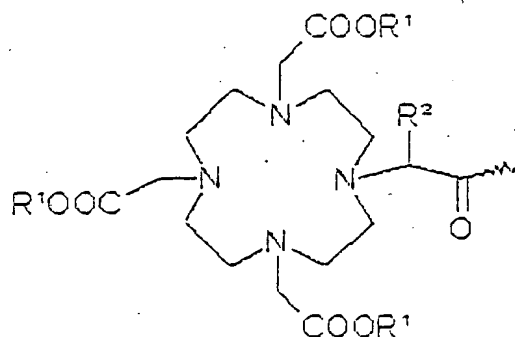
of general formula IIIc



(IIIc)

in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,  $R^4$  represents hydrogen or a metal ion equivalent mentioned under  $R^1$ , and  $U^1$  represents  $-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-\omega$ , whereby  $\omega$  means the binding site to  $-CO-$ ,

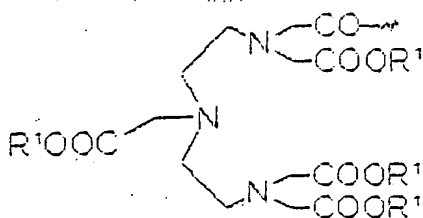
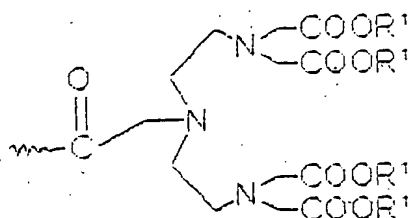
or of general formula IVc



(IVc)

in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  have the above-mentioned meaning

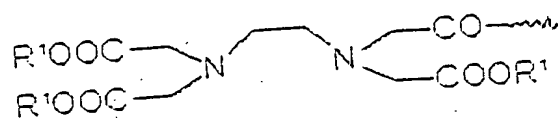
or of general formula VcA or VcB

 $(V_{CA})$ 

(VcB)

in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,

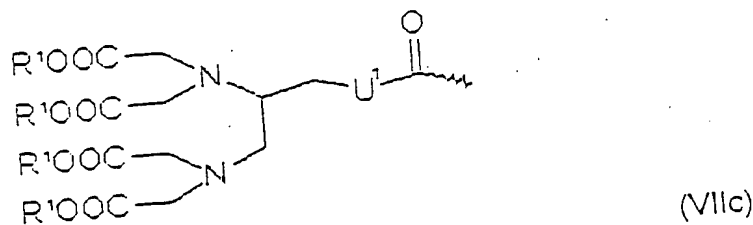
or of general formula VIc



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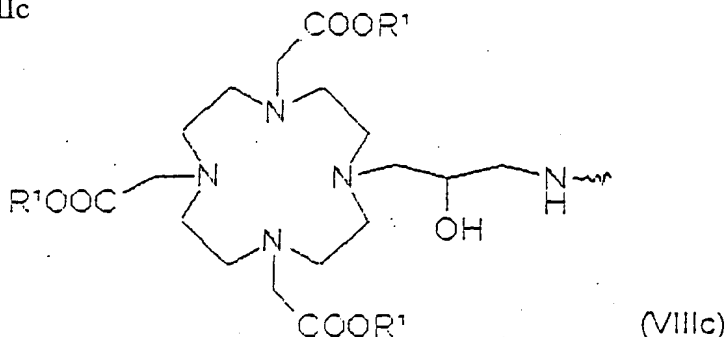
in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,

or of general formula VIIc



in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning, and

$U^1$  represents  $-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-\omega$ , whereby  $\omega$  means the binding site to  $-CO-$  or of general formula VIIIc

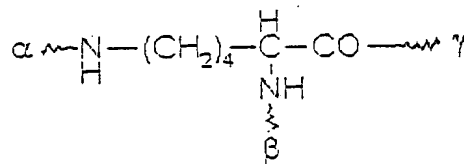


in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,

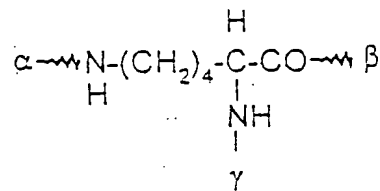
and in radical K, optionally present free acid groups optionally can be present as salts of organic and/or inorganic bases or amino acids or amino acid amides,

G for the case that K means metal complexes IIc to VIIc represents a radical that is functionalized in at least three places and is selected from the following radicals a) to j)

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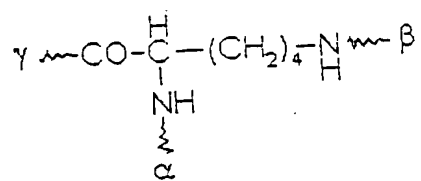


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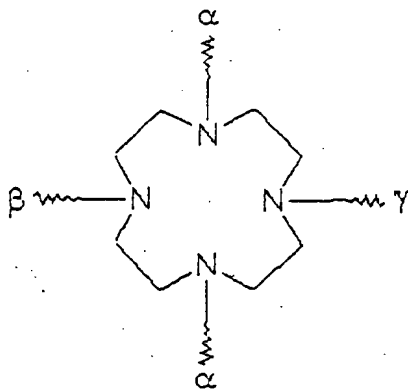




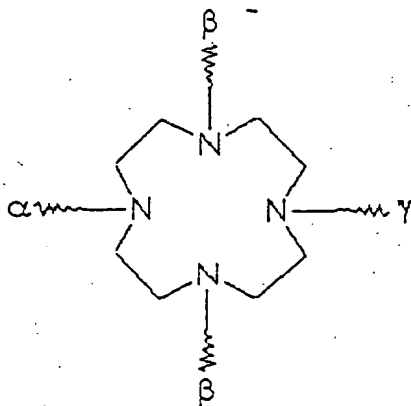
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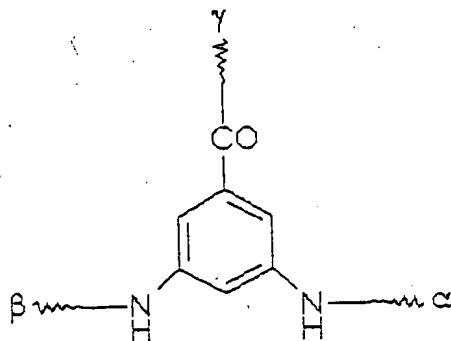
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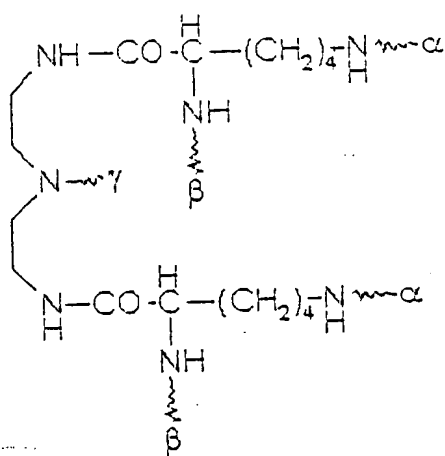
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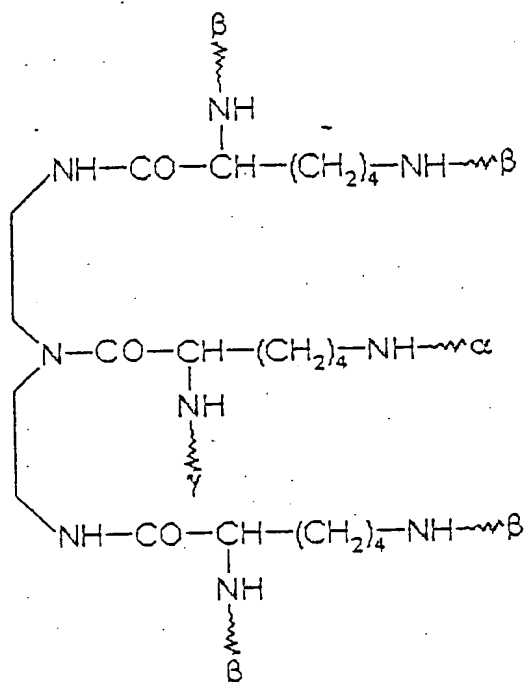
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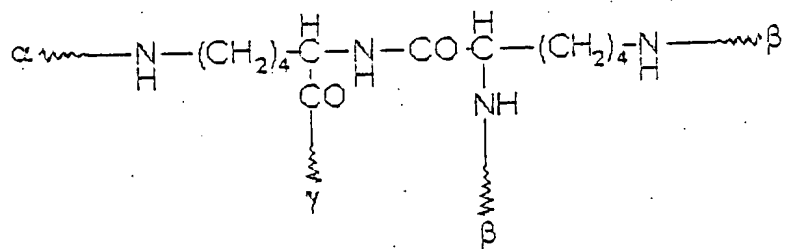
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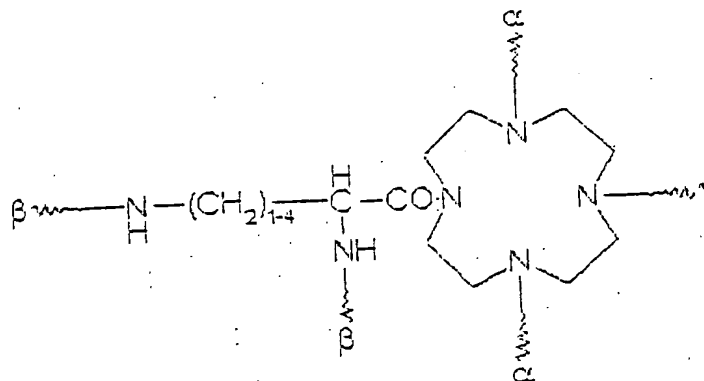
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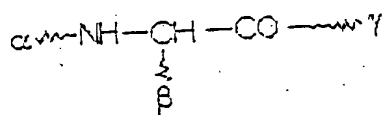
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(i)



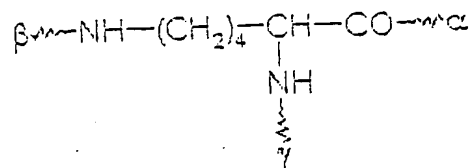
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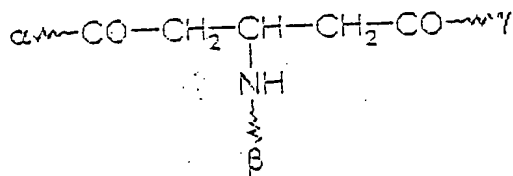
and

G for the case that K means metal complex VIIIc represents a radical that is functionalized in at least three places and is selected from k) or l),

(k)



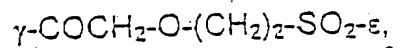
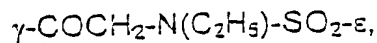
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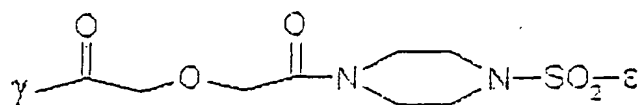


whereby  $\alpha$  means the binding site of G to complex K,  $\beta$  is the binding site of G to radical Y, and  $\gamma$  represents the binding site of G to radical Z,

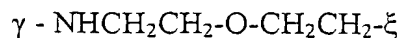
Y means  $-\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\delta - (\text{CH}_2)_{(1-5)}\text{CO}-\beta$ ,  $\beta - (\text{CH}_2)_{(1-5)}\text{CO}-\delta$ ,  $\delta - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CHOH} - \text{CO}-\beta$  or  $\delta - \text{CH}(\text{CHOH} - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}) - \text{CHOH} - \text{CHOH} - \text{CO}-\beta$ , whereby  $\delta$  represents the binding site to sugar radical R and  $\beta$  is the binding site to radical G,

Z stands for





or



whereby  $\gamma$  represents the binding site of Z to radical G, and  $\xi$  means the binding site of Z to perfluorinated radical  $\text{R}^{\text{F}}$

and

$l^1, m^1$ , independently of one another, mean integers 1 or 2, and

$p^1$  means integers 1 to 4,

are used.

Claim 31 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the compounds of general formula Ic, in which R represents a monosaccharide radical with 5 to 6 C atoms or its deoxy compound, preferably glucose, mannose or galactose, are used.

Claim 32 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the compounds of general formula Ic, in which  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$ , independently of one another, mean hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_4$  alkyl and/or E in formula  $-\text{C}_n\text{F}_{2n}\text{E}$  means a fluorine atom, are used.

Claim 33 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the compounds of general formula Ic, in which G represents lysine radical (a) or (b), are used.

Claim 34 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the compounds of general formula Ic are used, in which Z means



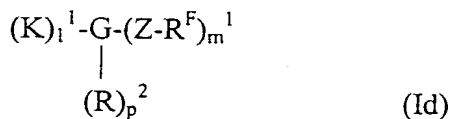
whereby  $\gamma$  represents the binding site of Z to radical G, and  $\xi$  means the binding site of Z to

perfluorinated radical  $R^F$ , and/or Y means  $\delta$ -CH<sub>2</sub>CO- $\beta$ , whereby  $\delta$  represents the binding site to sugar radical R and  $\beta$  represents the binding site to radical G.

Claim 35 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the compounds of general formula Ic are used, in which U in metal complex K represents -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>- $\omega$ , whereby  $\omega$  stands for the binding site to -CO-.

Claim 36 (original): Use according to claim 30, wherein the gadolinium complex of 6-N-[1,4,7-tris(carboxylatomethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-10-N-(pentanoyl-3-aza-4-oxo-5-methyl-5-yl)]-2-N-[1-O- $\alpha$ -D-carbonylmethyl-mannopyranose]-L-lysine-[1-(4-perfluorooctylsulfonyl)-piperazine]-amide is used.

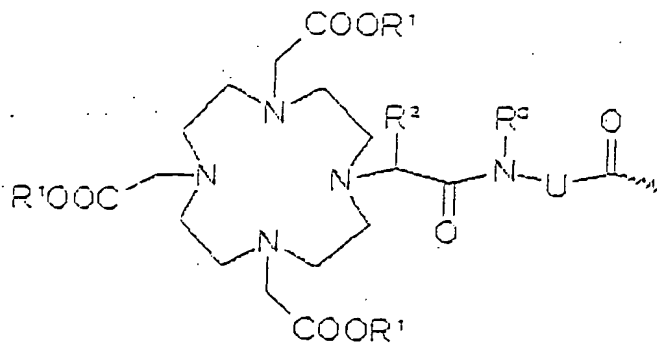
Claim 37 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds with polar radicals of general formula Id



in which

$R^F$  is a perfluorinated, straight-chain or branched carbon chain with formula  $\text{--C}_n\text{F}_{2n}\text{E}$ , in which E represents a terminal fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine or hydrogen atom, and n stands for numbers 4-30,

K stands for a metal complex of general formula IIId,



in which

(IIId)

$R^1$  means a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of atomic numbers 23-29, 42-46 or 58-70,

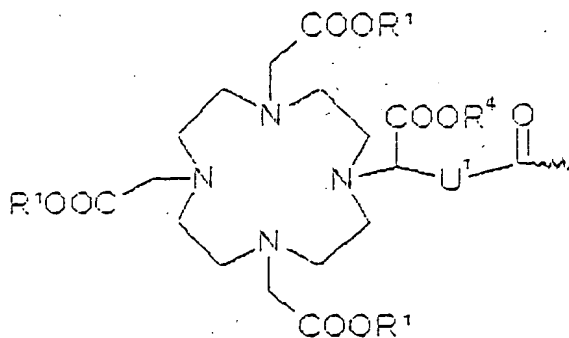
provided that at least two  $R^1$  stand for metal ion equivalents,

$R^2$  and  $R^3$ , independently of one another, represent hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_7$  alkyl, benzyl, phenyl,  $-CH_2OH$  or  $-CH_2OCH_3$ , and

U represents  $-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-\omega$ -,  $-(CH_2)_{1-5}-\omega$ , a phenylene group,  $-CH_2-NHCO-CH_2-CH(CH_2COOH)-C_6H_4-\omega$ -,  $-C_6H_4-(OCH_2CH_2)_{0-1}-N(CH_2COOH)-CH_2-\omega$ , or a  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkylene group or  $C_7$ - $C_{12}$ - $C_6H_4-O$  group optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, 1 to 3  $-NHCO$  groups, 1 to 3  $-CONH$  groups and/or substituted with 1 to 3  $-(CH_2)_{0-5}COOH$  groups, whereby  $\omega$  stands for the binding site to  $-CO-$ ,

or

of general formula IIIId



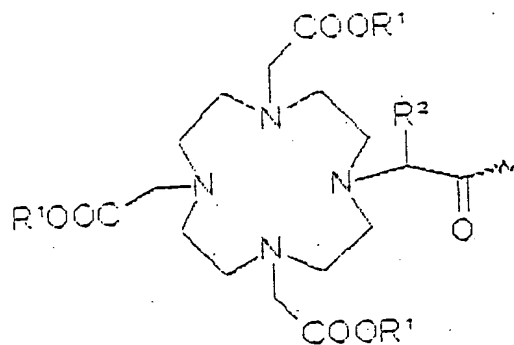
(IIIId)

in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,  $R^4$  represents hydrogen or a metal ion equivalent

mentioned under  $R^1$ , and  $U^1$  represents  $-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-\omega-$ , whereby  $\omega$  means the binding site to  $-CO-$ ,

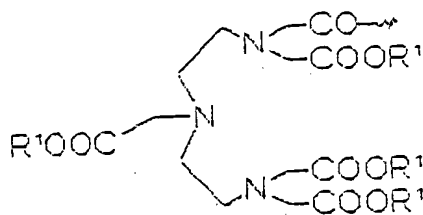
or

of general formula IVd

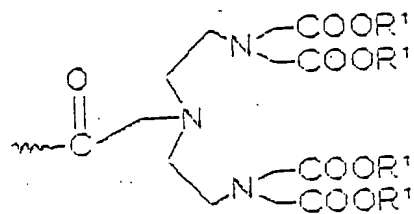


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in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  have the above-mentioned meaning,  
or of general formula VdA or VdB



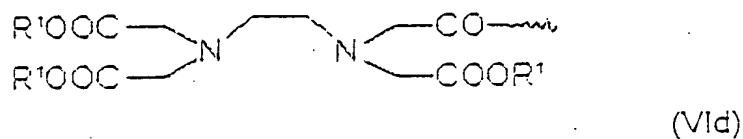
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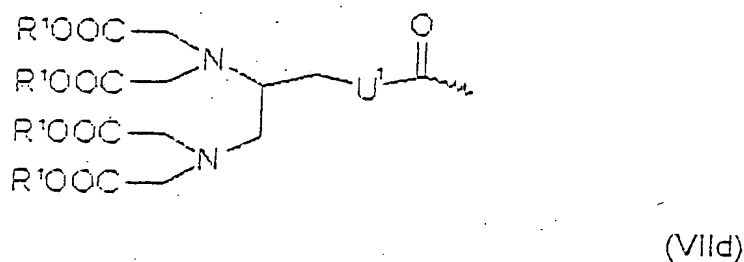
(VdB)



in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,  
or of general formula VIId



in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning,  
or of general formula VIId



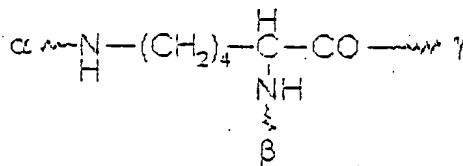
in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning, and

$U^1$  represents  $-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-\omega-$ , whereby  $\omega$  means the binding site to  $-CO-$ ,

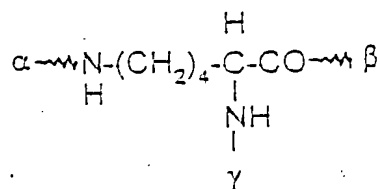
and in radical K, optionally present free acid groups optionally can be present as salts of organic and/or inorganic bases or amino acids or amino acid amides,

G represents a radical that is functionalized in at least three places and is selected from the following radicals a) to g)

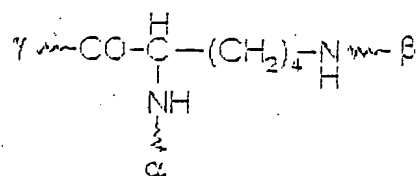
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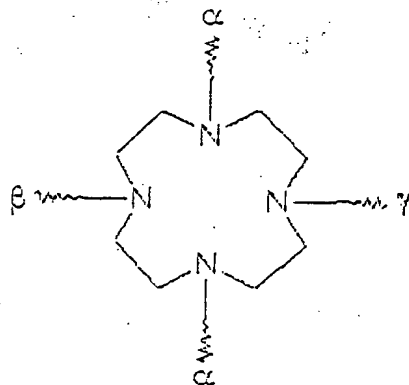
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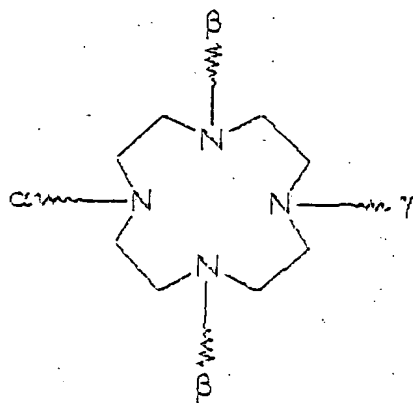
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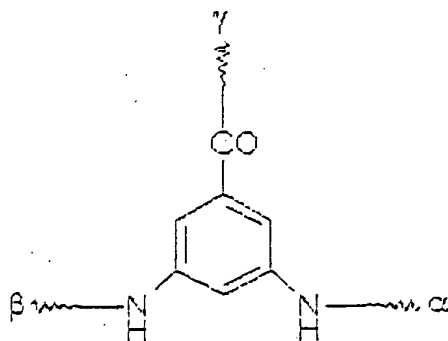
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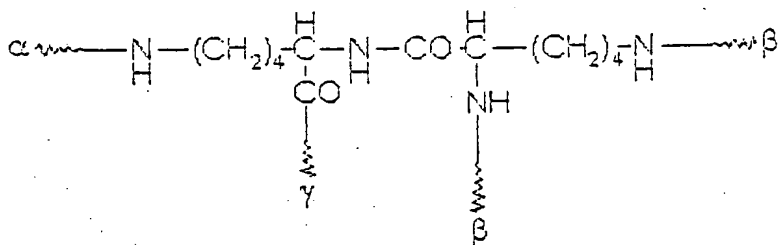
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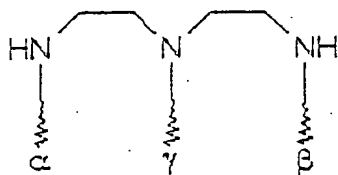
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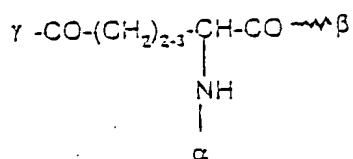
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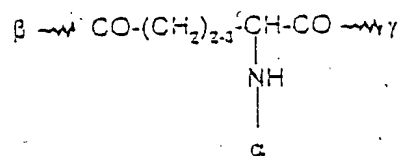
(g)



(h)



(i)



whereby  $\alpha$  means the binding site of G to complex K,  $\beta$  is the binding site of G to radical R, and  $\gamma$  represents the binding site of G to radical Z

Z stands for



whereby  $\gamma$  represents the binding site of Z to radical G and  $\xi$  means the binding site of Z to perfluorinated radical  $R_f$ ,

R represents a polar radical that is selected from complexes K of general formulas IIId to VIId, whereby  $R^1$  here means a hydrogen atom or a metal ion equivalent of atomic numbers 20, 23-29, 42-46 or 58-70,

and radicals  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , U and  $U^1$  have the above-indicated meaning,

or

means the folic acid radical

or

means a carbon chain with 2-30 C atoms that is bonded to radical G via -CO- or SO<sub>2</sub>- or a direct bond to radical G, and is straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, optionally interrupted by 1-10 oxygen atoms, 1-5 -NHCO groups, 1-5 -CONH groups, 1-2 sulfur atoms, 1-5 -NH groups or 1-2 phenylene groups, which optionally can be substituted with 1-2 OH groups, 1-2 NH<sub>2</sub> groups, 1-2 -COOH groups, or 1-2 -SO<sub>3</sub>H groups,

or

optionally substituted with 1-8 OH groups, 1-5 -COOH groups, 1-2 SO<sub>3</sub>H groups,

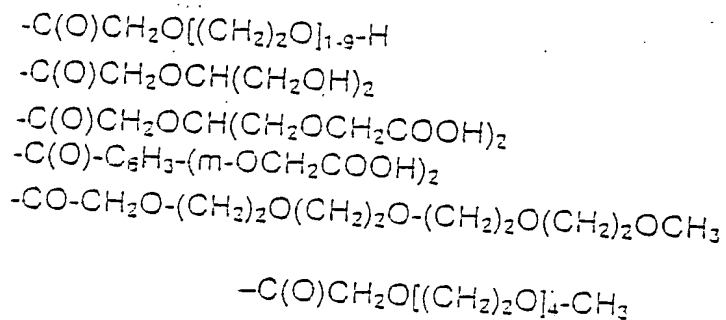
1-5 NH<sub>2</sub> groups, or 1-5 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy groups, and  
l<sup>1</sup>, m<sup>1</sup>, p<sup>2</sup>, independently of one another, mean integers 1 or 2,  
are used.

Claim 38 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which K stands for a metal complex of general formula IIId, IIId, VdB or VIId, are used.

Claim 39 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which polar radical R has the meaning of complex K, preferably complex K of general formulas IIId, IIId, VdA or VIId, are used.

Claim 40 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which polar radical R has the following meanings:

-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>NH-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-C(O)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-(m-COOH)<sub>2</sub>  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-(m-COOH)<sub>2</sub>  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-m-SO<sub>3</sub>H  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)CH<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH(OH)-CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH  
-C(O)CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH  
-C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>O[(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>1-9</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>



preferably

are used.

Claim 41 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which polar radical R is the folic acid radical, are used.

Claim 42 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which G represents lysine radical (a) or (b), are used.

Claim 43 (original): Use according to claim 37, wherein the compounds of general formula Id, in which U represents group  $-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\omega$  in metal complex K, whereby  $\omega$  stands for the binding site to  $-\text{CO}-$ , are used.

Claim 44 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 37-43~~ claim 37, wherein the gadolinium complex of 2,6-N,N'-bis[1,4,7-tris(carboxylatomethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-10-(pentanoyl-3-aza-4-oxo-5-methyl-5-yl)]-lysine-[1-(4-perfluorooctylsulfonyl-piperazine)]-amide is used.

Claim 45 (currently amended): Use according to ~~one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, galenical formulations that contain paramagnetic,

perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes of general formulas I, Ia, Ib, Ic and/or Id and diamagnetic perfluoroalkyl-containing substances, preferably dissolved in an aqueous solvent, are used.

Claim 46 (original): Use according to claim 45, wherein as diamagnetic perfluoroalkyl-containing substances, those of general formula XX

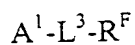


in which  $R^F$  represents a straight-chain or branched perfluoroalkyl radical with 4 to 30 carbon atoms,  $L^2$  stands for a linker and  $B^2$  stands for a hydrophilic group, are used.

Claim 47 (original): Use according to claim 46, wherein linker  $L^2$  is a direct bond, an  $-SO_2$  group, or a straight-chain or branched carbon chain with up to 20 carbon atoms, which can be substituted with one or more  $-OH$ ,  $-COO^-$ , or  $-SO_3$  groups and/or optionally contains one or more  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-CO-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-NHCO-$ ,  $-CONR^9-$ ,  $-NR^9CO-$ ,  $-SO_2-$ ,  $-PO_4^-$ ,  $-NH-$  or  $-NR^9$  groups, an aryl ring or a piperazine, whereby  $R^9$  stands for a  $C_1$ -to  $C_{20}$ -alkyl radical, which in turn can contain one or more O atoms, and/or can be substituted with  $-COO^-$  or  $SO_3$  groups.

Claim 48 (original): Use according to claim 46, wherein hydrophilic group  $B^2$  is a mono- or disaccharide, one or more adjacent  $-COO^-$  or  $-SO_3$  groups, a dicarboxylic acid, an isophthalic acid, a picolinic acid, a benzenesulfonic acid, a tetrahydropyrandicarboxylic acid, a 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid, a quaternary ammonium ion, an aminopolycarboxylic acid, an aminodipolyethylene glycolsulfonic acid, an aminopolyethylene glycol group, an  $SO_2-(CH_2)_2-OH$  group, a polyhydroxyalkyl chain with at least two hydroxyl groups or one or more polyethylene glycol chains with at least two glycol units, whereby the polyethylene glycol chains are terminated by an  $-OH$  or  $-OCH_3$  group.

Claim 49 (original): Use according to claim 45, wherein as diamagnetic perfluoroalkyl-containing substances, conjugates that consist of  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin and compounds of general formula XXII



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in which  $A^2$  stands for an adamantane, biphenyl or anthracene molecule,  $L^3$  stands for a linker, and  $R^F$  stands for a straight-chain or branched perfluoroalkyl radical with 4 to 30 carbon atoms, and whereby linker  $L^3$  is a straight-chain hydrocarbon chain with 1 to 20 carbon atoms, which can be interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, one or more  $CO-$ ,  $SO_2-$ ,  $CONH-$ ,  $NHCO-$ ,  $CONR^{10}-$ ,  $NR^{10}CO-$ ,  $NH-$  or  $NR^{10}$  groups or a piperazine, whereby  $R^{10}$  is a  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl radical, are used.

Claim 50 (original): Use according to claim 45, wherein as diamagnetic perfluoroalkyl-containing substances, those of general formula XXI:



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in which  $R^F$  represents a straight-chain or branched perfluoroalkyl radical with 4 to 30 carbon atoms, and  $X^1$  is a radical that is selected from the group of the following radicals ( $n$  in this case is a number between 1 and 10), are used:



